

09-25-02

2643

#29
LB
10/2/02



IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Inventor : Nobutsugu FUJINO
Satoru CHIKUMA
Serial No. : 08/999,308
Filed : December 29, 1997
Title : **COMMUNICATION SYSTEM AND
COMMUNICATION METHOD**
Examiner : George Eng
Group Art Unit : 2643

Filed by Express Mail
(Receipt No. 5407108105 US)
on Sept. 24-02
pursuant to 37 C.F.R. 1.10.
by Patricia M. H.

RECEIVED

September 24, 2002

SEP 30 2002

Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Technology Center 2600

RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION

Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated June 28, 2002, please consider the following remarks:

REMARKS

An Office Action was mailed on June 28, 2002. Claims 1 – 6, 8 – 14 and 16 – 56 are pending in the present application.

REJECTIONS UNDER 35 U.S.C. § 103

Claims 1 – 6, 8 – 14 and 16 – 28 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over U.S. Patent No. 5,764,736 to Shachar et al. in view of U.S. Patent No. 5,919,247 to Van Hoff et al. and U.S. Patent No. 4,995,074 to Goldman et al. Claims 29 – 56 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Shachar in view of Goldman. Applicants respectfully traverse these rejections.